

9 FAM PART IV Appendix O, 1800 REFUGEE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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9 FAM 1801 DESCRIPTION

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After entry into the United States and before the granting of permanent resident status, a refugee or asylee can apply (Form I-131) to the INS District Director having jurisdiction over the refugee's residence in the United States for a Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571). The Refugee Travel Document is valid for two years and is not renewable or extendable. Its purpose is to facilitate a refugee's foreign travel.

9 FAM 1802 EXPIRED, LOST OR STOLEN REFUGEE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

9 FAM PART IV Appendix O, 1802.1 Policy

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Processing for admission as a refugee is considered to be a one-time benefit. Therefore, it is INS practice to consider individually for parole into the United States those refugees who were admitted to the United States for resettlement but who are outside of the United States and whose Refugee Travel Documents have expired or been lost or stolen.

9 FAM 1802.2 Procedure for Requesting Parole in These Cases

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Consular officers must submit each of these cases for parole directly to the INS District Office which has jurisdiction over the refugee's place of residence. Before submitting such a request, consular officers should consider the following points:

(1) When a refugee seeks to return to the United States without a valid travel document, the circumstances under which that refugee is abroad are relevant to the provision of special handling. The consular officer should therefore make every effort to ascertain whether the applicant has returned to the country of origin (and if so, why) or whether the applicant has taken up permanent residence in a third country or has merely resided abroad temporarily, e.g., as a visitor or a student.

(2) These requests are to be distinguished from other parole recommendations. Consular officers should continue to submit other parole requests to the Department when they believe that parole is appropriate [see 9 FAM 42.1 N7].

9 FAM 1803 EXTRA PAGES FOR REFUGEE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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In the rare instances in which an alien has used all available visa pages in the Refugee Travel Document, the refugee or the post may request extra pages from the appropriate overseas INS office, if none are available at post.